DESPERATE FIGHT OF THE GAS TRUST

Attempt to Buy Off a Stanch Ally of the Dollar Rate.

LEXOW'S PLAN ATTACKED,

Cantor's Fling at His Resolution Calling for an Investigation of Trusts.

"ONLY OBJECT TO KILL TIME."

Grady Introduces a Bill Providing for a Lighting Commissioner, with Ample Powers for New York City,

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 15 .- The constant re-Herntion by the Journal of the necessity for chesper gas, that paper's many exposures and the prompt introduction of the Cantor-Laimbeer bill has stimulated the Gas Trust agents to unusual exertions. From to-day's developments it is evident that there will be a fierce struggle to prevent relief legislation.

Senator Lexow, whose direction of last year's anti-trust bills created much comment, introduced this morning a resolution providing for a special joint committee to investigate the subject of trusts. It was branded a subterfuge by Senator Cantor, and there is good reason to believe it is. This action following, as it did, the information that one of the champions of dollar gas had been approached by a trust agent, leads to the conclusion that the recent rumors of "boodle" are securely

Overtures to a legislator honestly desirous of cheaper gas have been made by an emissary of the trust. The former wishes no notoriety, and for that reason his name is not mentioned. The significance of the proposal made to him was too apparent to be mistaken. He was approached by a person who introduced himself as a repre sentative of the consolidated gas companies of New York, and explained that his clients wished only fair treatment and an opportunity to be heard on the pending gas bill, a suggestion that appealed to this legislator's sense of justice.
Legal Work Offered.

The friend of dollar gas was so much impressed with the moderation of the suggestion that he declared he was anxious only for cheaper gas because it has been apparent to all experts and laymen that deliar gas would give the companies a handsome profit. The trust agent then said the company would be pleased to have this legislator furnish the company copies of all gas bills introduced and all information on the subject obtainable during the

In other words, the company cain" this legislator and give ne professional work to do. As the gentleman in question is a lawyer the inference was obvious. Attorneys serving in the Legislature frequently salve their consciences by accepting corporation practice "on the outside," but whether under such circumstances they can serve the people is questionable. This proposition was so plain that the Jegislator laughed at the trust

The Lexow Resolution.

Lexow is as follows:

ef, and, If these charges are well founded,

its proceedings, conclusions and the earliest day prac-



CHANCES OF DOLLAR GAS WITH THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE.

The Journal's Poll of Its Members Shows Five in Favor, Two for Gas at a Fair Price, While Six Remain Non-committal.

Albany, Jan. 15.—The Assembly Committee on Gas, Electricity and Water was polled to-day for the Journal on the question of dollar gas for New York City. The result was as follows:

For Dollar Gas: CORRIGAN (DEM.), NEW YORK. GOODSELL (REP.), ORANGE, M'KEON (DEM.), KINGS. SOPER, (REP.), KINGS. TAYLOR (REP.), OSWEGO.

people of New York City on the gas question and the abilities of the companies to stand a reduction of the price of gas to \$1 per 1,000 cubic feet committeemen who may be classed as from the rural districts say that they will treat the gas question as a business proposition, dealing fairly with both the people and the companies.

It is considered quite certain that among the non-committal members there is at least one who will oppose any reduction in the price of gas in the city of New York, and there is an impression in some quarters that the appointment of this particular member to the committee was secured so that he might take care of the interests of the gas companies when the committee is in executive session.

Those who are absolutely non-committal say they will remain so until they have heard the arguments of those opposed to the proposition and the arguments of its advocates.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR CHEAPER GAS.

to Control All Legislation at Albany.

CONSUMERS WILL ACT. CLUBS ARE HARD HIT, TOO,

Five Thousand Ex-Employes of Commissioner Recommends Nuthe Trust at the Head of the Movement.

LEGAL STEPS TO FOLLOW. HIS FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

rant the Attorney-General in Demanding the Revocation of the Companies' Charters.

A series of mass meetings announced to begin next week will be an answer to sloner Lyman to-day submitted his first an-Platt's anti-gas reform move in the Legis-nual report to the Legislature, showing the

While Senator Lexow at Albany was in- Under the head of recommendations he troducing his bill to get control of all the says that "experience has shown that cergas trust legislation at the expense of the tain amendments must be made to the law," people, ex-Senator Bixby, in New York, at the request of the association representing the 5,000 gas employes recently dis-charged by the Gas Trust, issued the fol-attacks with peculiar earnestness. This is lowing announcement, which was given out what he says:
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Public Invited to Participate,

discovered enough information concerning he Illegal act of the Gas Trust and members of the companies comprising the Trust to warrant the Attorney-General of the State in instituting proceedings to revoke charters and take possession of municipal property obtained by irregular and unlaw-ful procedure.

LYMAN ATTACKS "FAKE" HOTELS.

Plan to Check Lexow's Move Through Them Public Revenue Loses About \$1,000,-000 a Year.

merous Amendments to the Raines Law.

Evidence Accumulating That Will War- Legislature Told of the Shortcomings of the Famous Liquor Measure and Shown How to Remedy Them.

> Albany, Jan. 15 .- State Excise Commisoperation of the Raines Liquor Tax law.

"Inasmuch as hotels are given certain privileges not objoyed by other places that sell liquor, it is very desirable that the law should be so amended, if possible, as to define more explicitly in connection with such privileges, for the purpose of this act, the term 'hotel,' as well as the terms 'guest' and 'meals.' "

In speaking of the incorporation of several thousand social clubs in order to avoid the tax under the Raines law, the Commis sioner says:

Address F. M. Bixby, No. 144 West Fortysecond street.

It was stated that the date of the first
Cooper Union mass meeting would be announced in a day or two-probably to be held on Monday, January 25.

The association's Committee on Law have been deed of Honor within that law was not a sale of Honor within that law was not a sale of Honor within that law ing reported progress, stated that they had was not a sale of liquor within that law, and, following this precedent, subordinate courts have held that under the present law the sale of liquor to members of a club

Way to Sell on Sunday.
"These decisions have resulted in suggesting a method for evading the law, and very many parties who had paid for certifi-